

Pendleton, SC 29670

Public Service Commission
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Subject: Duke Power Rate Increase

My wife and I are on a fixed income. Every time Duke Power rates go up we have to give up something to cover the cost. Many Senior customers are faced with the same problem.

The rate increase they are proposing is to modernize its' power plants and generate cleaner energy. This would suggest a conversion from coal to natural gas or some kind of resource that generates energy at a lower cost. Are there dollar savings projected and a dollar cap on the their spending so Duke doesn't come back and ask for more money to complete the project? Will the rate go down when the cost of the project is completed?

Duke Energy customers are counting on the Public Service Commission to control cost and not have our money paid out in dividends to holders of Duke Energy Stock. Duke Energy is a very large company that is on the stock exchange with an outstanding rating and a record of paying dividends to its' stock holders.

We have lost confidence in the oversight of energy in South Carolina because of the problems with Sante Cooper in the lower part of the State.
Sincerely,

Jack R. Leonard & Sandra J. Leonard

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